

*a view from*

# The Ridge

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## Updates & Events

**Eagle Ridge Homeowners  
Association Meetings  
are held the  
first Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.**

**MARCH - RUMSEY STATION  
JUNE - PAPIO GREENS  
SEPTEMBER - RUMSEY STATION  
DECEMBER - RUMSEY STATION**

At the meetings we discuss neighborhood concerns and development, SID updates, and events. Please check the front entrance sign for details. The meetings are open to everyone all views are welcome but remember only members can vote.

Please submit any articles, reports, or advertisement requests for the next issue of *The Ridge* to Jill at 331-2198 or e-mail to: [jamathome@cox.net](mailto:jamathome@cox.net)

*A Note from the Sheriff Regarding*

## **SCOOTERS & MINI BIKERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Eagle Ridge Residents:

There have been some questions brought to my attention regarding the use of mini-bikes, scooters, etc. on the streets and sidewalks of your neighborhood. I was asked to write a note to clear up this subject.

Sidewalks are for pedestrians ONLY. Scooters, mini bikes, etc. are NOT allowed on the roadway or your neighborhood sidewalks. These type items, regardless of how they are powered, are ONLY allowed on private property which would include a driveway, but again, not the sidewalk or street.

The only exception to this is the MOPED. However, an actual MOPED is extremely rare and the user must have a driver's license to operate one. It is only considered a MOPED if it has fully operative pedals for self-propulsion. There are more guidelines that make a vehicle a moped that I have not included here. (You may call me if you would like those.) If the pedals are removed, it is then only allowed for use on private property. Again, there is only one manufacturer for MOPEDS in the US and they are extremely rare. Many people call what they are riding a moped when they actually are not.

The mini-bikes and scooter's manufacturer will sometimes tell you that they are street/sidewalk legal. They are wrong. It is a Class III misdemeanor if someone is in violation of this statute. We want the children in our county to be safe and I hope this helps to prevent any accidents that may happen.

Also, you may not set up skateboard type jumps/ramps in the roadway.

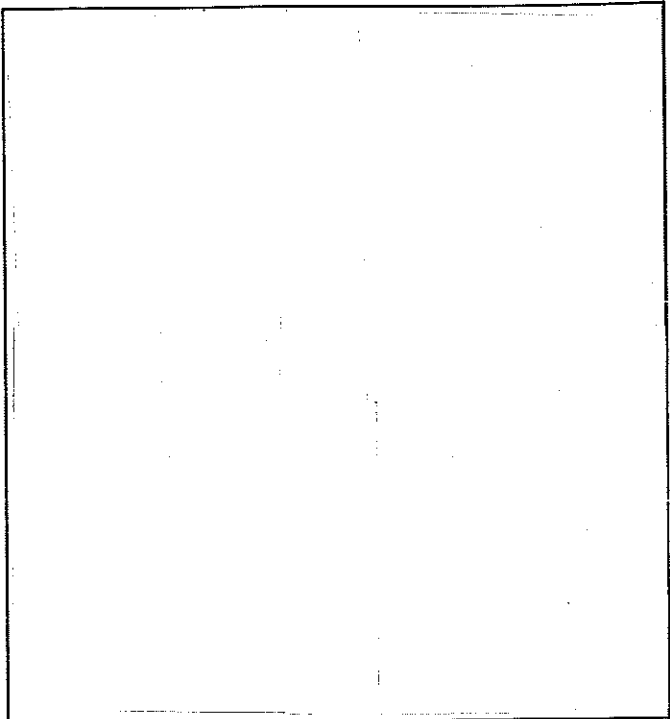
I hope this clears up any confusion. You may contact me at 681-2600 if you have any questions.

Thank You,  
Deputy Nicole Damewood  
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office

## **PLACING SIGNS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES**

**The placing of signs is prohibited at the front entrances.**

The SID has had water sprinkler damage that needed repair which comes out of the SID funds (your tax dollars). So you are not to place signs in the ground at either of the Eagle Ridge entrances. If we determine that your sign caused the damage you will be held financially responsible for all repairs, plus the SID board voted to impose a \$500.00/sign administrative fee. The entrance is defined as the islands and all property by the brick signs to the street. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter in keeping the entry looking dignified and trash free.



# FIREWORKS



Every year my phone rings off the hook with reports of illegal fireworks. Please do not set off illegal fireworks. Make sure you clean up your mess. It is illegal to set fireworks off in the street. You may not disturb the peace, and remember that more children are maimed by fireworks than by any other means. Please be responsible.

**Fireworks Safety Tips from the U.S. Fire Administration from the following web site which has other useful information**  
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2006releases/062706.shtm>

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to properly operate the fire extinguisher.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lighted fireworks. If fireworks do not go off, do not stand over them to investigate; douse them with water and carefully dispose of them.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If the fireworks are not marked with the contents, directions, and warning labels, do not light them.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

## The COVENANT CORNER

**Everyone is bound by the covenants of their SID whether you join the Home Association or not.**

No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) except that during the months of May through September vehicles may be parked in the driveway only. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, airplanes, tractors or semi tractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this restriction shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction.

## SID UPDATE

*For those of you who are unfamiliar with SIDs we have 2 in Eagle Ridge 143 basically covers most of the neighborhood with SID 184 covering Phase IV some of the streets included are Bear Creek, Savahan, Betsy, Wilma, Fall Creeks.*

**SID 143 - Chairman: Dale Lasher 597-0708**

The commercial property continues to have some interest. When a finalization is reached we will let you know. Our SID levy remains the same for the 5th year in a row. The tax base is great! We are in good shape to be annexed when the city decides they want us.

**SID 184 - Chairman: ???**

We are not sure who the representative is to be included if you are the representative please contact Jill.

### Another internet source states the obvious:

- *Prevent Blindness America* recommends that parents tell their children not to gather with people lighting fireworks - even adults.
- Among different types of fireworks, firecrackers caused the greatest number of wounds, producing 1,600 injuries in 2003, followed by bottle rockets at 1,000 and sparklers at 700, according to the *Consumer Product Safety Commission*.
- Although they seem innocuous, sparklers can burn as hot as 1,800 degrees. Of 700 estimated sparkler injuries in 2003, about 400 happened to children age five or younger.
- Fireworks-related injuries most frequently involve hands and fingers, making up 26 percent of total injuries, according to the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*.
- Eyes are injured 21 percent of the time, while the head and face are harmed 18 percent of the time.
- More than half the injuries, 63 percent, are burns. People suffer contusions (bruises) and lacerations (cuts) about 18 percent of the time.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL PLACES IN THE OMAHA AREA TO WATCH THE PROFESSIONALS SET OFF FIREWORKS. IT IS SAFER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN YOU CAN DO YOURSELF.**

### THE FRONT ENTRANCE HOME ASSOCIATION SIGN ON EAGLE RIDGE

We are working on getting the front entrance sign remade. The sign will list contact information as well as the meeting dates.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

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We are a neighborhood Watch. What that means is that in case of an emergency we have the capability to get information to block captains who then will get the information out to you. We need to be a Home Association in order to be a neighborhood watch. The way it works is after calling 911, if it is an emergency, you contact me and I follow up with the Sheriff Department. I have a relationship with the Sheriff office so if it is an item that needs to be put out to the neighborhood, I take care of that. I don't know that there is problem unless you contact me. By having one person as the neighborhood coordinator, we prevent duplicate information, false information, and we make sure that everything is handled within the law. Let's say for example that a car has been damaged in a driveway and then someone goes off on their own and states that cars are being damaged in the neighborhood while someone else brings it to attention I called the contact at the sheriff office and they state that it was an isolated incident and there is no need to circulate a flyer I can then pass this information on to anyone who may have concerns about the incident. The system works great. Call 911, call or e-mail Jill, Jill handles it from there. Block Captains are needed to deliver the newsletter which hopefully will resume to going out about 3-4 times a year, and in case of an emergency would deliver those flyers. Please step up to the plate and volunteer to be a block captain or a back up block captain. To volunteer, contact Jill.

I drive through the neighborhood on a regular basis just to keep a eye on things. I have noticed that several homes leave their garage doors open late at night or all night. This is very dangerous. Please make sure your garage door is down. Thieves love to see a garage door open. Also, if you leave the outside lights on, you are deterring thieves from being around your house. It also makes it easier for the sheriff who drives through regularly to see if someone is on your porch. Your home address should be visible 24/7/365 not just for the pizza delivery guy but emergency personnel also. If someone in the neighborhood sees trouble at your house is trying to call 911 they should be able to see your house number. We all live here. We all need to watch out for each other. It is a good place to live.

If you are going out of town, as you leave the house, you can call the sheriff at 593-4111. The sheriff will patrol your house every shift change, if the manpower is available.

By being watchful and reporting suspicious activity in neighborhood and the park, you never know whose life you may be saving.

## What Is The Eagle Ridge HOME ASSOCIATION

The Home Association is a volunteer membership organization. Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year (January - December) You can join at any time during the year all memberships expire December 31st. What your dues do: provide the newsletter, provide advertising for the garage sale, pay for activities, and provide items for the neighborhood as needed. So as you can see your \$25.00 is needed to keep providing the newsletter and activities that we all benefit from.

Activities have been in the past Easter Egg Hunt in the park, Garage Sale, Spring Fling (an afternoon of food and fun in the park), Summer Social (a day at the ball game), Fall Outing ( food and fun in the park). There have been other suggestions we just need the volunteers. Your \$25.00 provides all these activities for your entire family.

Volunteers are needed for all activities. Please contact Jill if you are interested in helping out.

### THE NEW WEB PAGE

The web page is under construction Please look for the information on the front entrance sign. The web page will have; a downloadable membership form, RSVPs to the activities, all the covenants, the newsletters, and contact information.

## WHO TO CONTACT FOR WHAT

Below is a brief outline so that you can tell if it is an  
SID issue or Home Association issue:

- If it concerns how many hot dogs are needed at the fall outing- home association.
- If it concerns roads, snow removal, light posts, park - SID.
- If you have concerns about safety - sheriff then neighborhood watch.
- If you want to improve the neighborhood- SID & home association.
- Have ideas for activities or want to volunteer - home association.
- Covenants-home association.
- Complaints need to be in writing with your name listed on the letter.
- Enforcement of the covenants are through lawsuit by an individual after contacting the home association.
- After receiving & verifying the complaint the home association will send out a letter re: a covenant issue on home association letterhead.
- You as a resident may not represent yourself as the home association and send covenant violations to other residents.

## 2007 ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>SECRETARY:</b>	<b>TREASURER:</b>	<b>AT LARGE MEMBERS:</b>
Brian J. Muench 1907 Franklin Cir. jamathome@cox.net 331-2198	Angela Lasher 2119 Liberty Lane dlasher2@cox.net 597-0708	Dale Lasher 2119 Liberty Lane	Jill Muench 1907 Franklin Cir	Bob Duermeyer Alice Cleminger John Gajewski

**JOIN THE EAGLE RIDGE HOME ASSOCIATION BY USING THE FORM BELOW.**

## 2008 EAGLE RIDGE HOME ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM

Please fill out and return this form with your check for \$25.00 to: Eagle Ridge Home Association, mail to or drop off at 1907 Franklin Circle, Papillion, NE 68133.

(Drop box on front porch.) If you have any questions please call 331-2198.

E-mail is preferred at jamathome@cox.net

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member       Renewal

Reminders, Neighborhood Watch Program and other information is sent via e-mail.

As recorded with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Nebraska, the name of the Association is Eagle Ridge Homeowners Association, a Nebraska Not-For-Profit [US-IRS 528(c) Homeowners Association] Corporation.